

Minutes
Hess Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting
August 5, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Bart Calvi, Grant Bryan, Kim David (designee for Dale Twing)

Board Members Absent: Lori Tubbergen-Clark, Dale Twing, Mark Slocum

Also Present: Nancy Calvi, Rick Buteyn, Erick Elgin

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Calvi.
2. Approval of Agenda:
Motion by Bryan, seconded by David to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Approval of 4/22/2025 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by David, seconded by Calvi to approve the agenda with correction in 7C to change Carp to Bluegill. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Public Comment: (2 minutes)
None
5. Financial Report:
Motion by David, seconded by Calvi to approve the financial report as submitted. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Fish Stocking – Calvi inquired if other types of fish besides Bluegill can be stocked. Buteyn answered that he spoke with Scott Heintzelman from the DNR, and his recommendation is to stock Perch and Crappie to eat Carp eggs. Buteyn thinks that the Catfish are eating Carp eggs. Calvi adds a document to the packet with a price quote from EasyPro Pond Products for Perch and Crappie. Cost for 2,000 five-to-seven-inch Perch would be approximately three dollars per fish. The cost for 2,000 four-to-six-inch Crappie would be approximately two dollars and sixty cents per fish. There is no tax and free delivery.

Elgin states that small fish eat Zooplankton and therefore it is important that the Crappie and Perch are big enough to move on from eating Zooplankton to a bigger food source. If not, this could actually add to the turbidity of the lake.

Motion by Grant, seconded by Calvi to add 2000 Crappie and 2000 Perch per quote from EasyPro Pond Products. Roll call vote: Calvi – aye, David – aye, Bryan – aye. All ayes, motion carried.

There will not be any additional Bluegill stocking this year.
 - b. Hess/Brooks Barrier - Clayton states that they hung BioChar in the culvert between Hess and Brooks. We will not be moving forward with a fish barrier, remove from future agenda.
 - c. Shoreline Restoration and Septic - Buteyn adds two maps to the packet. These maps show Bryan and Calvi's waterfront properties and indicate the placement of fish sticks structures in the water. Elgin explains that the benefit of these

structures in the water is to encourage aquatic plants, wildlife habitat, and dissipate wave energy. Fish stick structures use live trees which can be anchored to the lakebed or shoreline using steel cables. Buteyn explained that an EGLE permit will take about 90 days to obtain at a cost of \$100. Buteyn and Elgin will obtain the permit on behalf of the board. Calvi will inquire about obtaining trees. There is potential to obtain a grant from Fremont Area Community Foundation to fund the structures, or the Board could offer an incentive.

- d. Plant Control – Buteyn states there are no updates, and he will survey again in a few weeks.
- e. Update on Wheeler Drain on Willow Road – Bryan states the school has clear cut a piece of property and would like to know what is being built, how it will impact the drain, and if a permit is needed for the project. This project is a concern because of its proximity to the lake.

7. New Business:

- a. Alum Treatment on Kimball Lake – Buteyn states the water is very clear and there has been significant improvement in water clarity overall.
- b. Assessment Amount – Motion by Bryan, second by Calvi to set the assessment amount at \$80,500. All ayes, motion carried.
- c. BioChar – Buteyn states there is no definitive data for BioChar. Elgin states he is working on obtaining that data. This item will be put back on the next agenda.

8. Correspondence/Bills:

None

9. Public Comment (2 minutes)

None

10. Miscellaneous

None

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Calvi at 12:32pm.

Dale E. Twing, Secretary